

PROPOSED US-2 DITCH CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

STUDY KICKOFF PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Hiawatha National Forest

St. Ignace Ranger District Office

1798 West US-2, St. Ignace, MI



Sand accumulation on the paved shoulder

Blowing and drifting sand along US-2 near Brevort is creating problems for MDOT highway maintenance. The encroaching sand causes road flooding and snow plowing problems along four miles of open dune habitat in Mackinac County, southeasterly from one mile east of Brevort Campground Road (County Road 526).

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is partnering with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to study the impacts that a proposed ditch construction would have.



Example of proposed V-bottom ditch

The proposed project involves construction of a V-bottom ditch along each side of the highway to a depth of 1.75 feet with 1 on 4 side slopes. The slopes would then be revegetated with native dune grass and stabilized with temporary sand fence where needed.

This open house-style meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to view informational displays and talk with study team members. Stop by anytime. More information on the study is available online at www.michigan.gov/mdotstudies or by calling MDOT at **517-373-3075**. Call 517-373-9534 for special accommodations.